

The deregulation of the phone companies in the first place has led to higher rates for all of us. Allowing the present, large companies virtual monopolies in their respective area can only mean a continued rise in bills for us. We had DSL service through the phone company (SBC) and could never get service when we needed it. We now have an independent ISP for our DSL and, although they contract with SBC for lines, our service from the private ISP is excellent. Allowing further monopolization of any part of the communications industry is not in the best interests of the consumer.